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Road closures for ceremony

The following areas will be closed for the Garrison Change of Command Ceremony as indicated on Friday.

- Grierson Avenue - the entire length of the east side of Brown Parade Field from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Adair Avenue - from Grierson Avenue to Christie Road from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Boyd Avenue - from Grierson Avenue to Augur Avenue from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Augur Avenue - the entire length of the west side of Brown Parade Field from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Parking lot - entire lot west of Christie Road and Andrews Road (west of Directorate of Contracting, Moral, Welfare and Recreation and the Education Center Annex where Cochise College conducts classes) from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Family housing office closure

In order for the employees of the Housing Division to celebrate the training holiday on July 5, the Housing Office will be closed on that date. We will reopen July 8 with our normal operating hours.

Please plan your housing visits accordingly. The Family Housing Office thanks you in advance for your understanding.

40th Signal Battalion reunion

The 40th Signal Battalion will host a Team 40th Reunion July 11 on Fort Huachuca. Former Team 40th members are invited to attend this historic event. The day will begin with a Steamer Cer-

University of Arizona scholar is featured guest speaker

Thomas L. Price, a visiting scholar at the University of Arizona, will visit Fort Huachuca as a guest speaker at Fitch Auditorium (Brown Bag Lunch Session) at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 2. He is considered one of the world's foremost international thinkers in the important fields of the Islamic world, former Soviet Union, The Taliban, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the surrounding region; Terrorism; Foreign Affairs; European Security Architecture; as well as the changing definitions of personal, corporate, environmental and national security.

Extreme fire conditions lead to additional park closures

Large area closures continue on all National Forests in Arizona. The Coronado, Prescott and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests are closed to all unauthorized use and entry. This includes all public use. These closure orders will remain in effect until further notice.

The San Carlos Apache Reservation has closed all forested, recreational and high elevation areas to public entry until further notice. The Navajo Nation has banned all fires.

Travelers are urged to contact an office of the local, state, tribal or federal land management agency they wish to visit before leaving home to determine the status of a particular area. Due to the unprecedented extreme fire conditions, closures and new regulations are being implemented on a daily basis.

For more information about fire restrictions and area closures call toll-free 877-864-6985 or go to the Arizona Inter-agency Fire Prevention website at www.azfireinfo.com.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Enzar Beltran lays a brick on the new Criminal Investigation Division/Command Field Operation Facility. The building is one of several construction projects on post.

Construction projects to benefit fort residents

By Stan Williamson
Command Information Officer

Construction of 110 senior noncommissioned officer family quarters is under way in Calvary Park and Bonnie Blink housing areas.

In Calvary Park, the new homes are about 25 percent complete and in the Bonnie Blink area the contractor has nearly completed the destruction and removal of the older structures, roads and utility systems.

The new housing will consist mostly of two and three bedroom units with some four-bedroom units as well.

Inside each unit, occupants will find a range of water and energy saving appliances and device, as well as special safety features in the kitchen and central heating areas.

A contract valued at \$15.5 million was

awarded to the Lend-Lease Actus Company for the project. The expected completion date is April 2003.

A new Child Development Center is under construction on Hatfield Avenue, next to the Main Post Chapel and across from Riley Barracks. The contractor is Stronghold Engineering.

The facility, now 40 percent complete, is expected to be finished in October 2002 at a cost of \$3.45 million. The new CDC will contain 15,400 square feet of space for school age children.

Water conservation and effluent reuse is a major concern to fort officials. Construction on phase one to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant #2 located near the East Gate between Brainard Road and Buffalo Soldier Trail

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Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

Memorial like none other

B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) members lay a wreath before the wall during the opening ceremony of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Sierra Vista. 1st Sgt. Paul Steir and Shannon Toohey brought a piece of Fort Huachuca to the wall during the ceremony. See related photos and articles on Page 4.

Home of military intelligence to honor one of its own Friday

By Tanja Linton
Media Relations Officer

The home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center honors a military intelligence professional who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will honor Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser by renaming MI Village to Prosser Village Friday at 2 p.m.

Prosser, a military intelligence analyst, was one of three soldiers killed Dec. 5, 2001, when a U.S. bomb missed its target near Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was the first military intelligence soldier killed in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Prosser, a native of Frazier Park, Calif., was 28 at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Shawna; father, Brian Prosser (a retired California firefighter); and mother, Ingrid Solhaug.

"Staff Sgt. Prosser exemplified the MI motto 'Always Out Front,'" said Brig. Gen.(P) James A. Marks, commanding general U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. "He was a hero with all the hallmarks of the bright, young soldiers who make up the MI Corps," Marks said.

Prosser was a military intelligence sergeant assigned to the Military Intelligence Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Prosser was born in California, July 17, 1973. He graduated from Maicopa High School in California in 1991 and after graduation enlisted in the Army July 9.

Following Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Ala., he completed Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. Prosser was then assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served in the 21st Military Police Company and the 319th Military Intelligence Battalion as a military policeman.

Upon completion of the Intelligence Analyst Course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., he served as an intelligence analyst at Camp Yong-In, Korea. After his assignment in Korea, Prosser served with the 5th Special Forces Group (Air-



Prosser

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HERC

Center allows patients to take part in health care

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout News Editor

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center celebrated the grand opening of the Preventive Wellness and Readiness Service's Health Education and Resource Center Friday with a ribbon and cake cutting ceremony that was followed by an open house.

"In the past, patients played a passive role when it came to health care," said Lt. Col. Jane L. Lindner, chief of preventive medicine, RWBAHC.

"Over the years that philosophy has changed. In order to have the optimum health care available, patients need to be actively involved and informed when it comes to the decision making process. The HERC's mission is to empower them," Linder said smiling.

"In the past, patients have not been included or well-informed when it came to making decisions regarding their health. Now the medical community wants patients to feel empowered and to be educated so patients can make wise decisions regarding their health," Linder said.

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Team Talk

Brig. Gen. (P) James A. “Spider” and Marty Marks

What a super day we had at last Saturday’s concert. Our thanks again to everyone involved in making it such a huge success. About 3,000 folks joined us on Libby Army Airfield for an afternoon party and an evening of great music. And, just so you know, the profit we made from the concert will be turned right around and funneled back into our Installation Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund. This will enable us to execute projects that will improve the quality of life for all our soldiers and families right here on Fort Huachuca.

Marty and I would like to take a moment to remind you all of the Family Readiness Group training opportunities here on post. All levels of classes are offered, and on all sorts of topics. Do you have questions, for example, about FRG fund raising or private organization rules and regulations, or do you want to learn more about group dynamics or conflict management? Fort Huachuca’s Army Community Services has a calendar full of upcoming FRG training on these and a host of other topics. Just give them a call to find out more.

Please join with us in welcoming this year’s Military Intelligence Hall of Fame inductees and guests to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. This is the 15th year we have joined together to honor those men and women who have made such inspirational contributions to the MI Corps.

Hall of Fame activities are in full swing today and tomorrow, and there are several events of special interest that are open to the public. These include a B Troop demonstration and retreat today, 4:30 p.m., at Wren Arena, and the U.S. Army Garrison change of command tomorrow morning at 7 a.m. on Brown Parade Field. Both events

are excellent opportunities for community members and visitors to attend colorful ceremonies steeped in the heritage of our Army traditions. Please join us at these events honoring our fellow soldiers.

One very special and significant observance in this year’s MI Hall of Fame will be tomorrow’s renaming and dedication of MI Village in honor of Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser. Prosser was killed Dec. 5, 2001, near Kandahar, Afghanistan – the first military intelligence soldier killed in Operation Enduring Freedom. The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will rename MI Village to Prosser Village to honor the ultimate sacrifice this soldier made for our country. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the courtyard area of the 305th/309th MI Battalion headquarters on Bissel Street. You are all invited to attend and pay special tribute to this American hero who died defending our rights and freedoms.

One of the big community events of the year is right around the corner - the annual Independence Day celebration. July 4th is filled to the brim with fun activities for the whole family. Visit Sierra Vista’s Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m. to see the military displays (including an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle), let the kids take a pony ride with B Troop, and enjoy the entertainment provided throughout the day. Then, at 7 p.m. on Stone Field in Sierra Vista, our own 36th Army Band will provide a stirring selection of patriotic music, including the ever-popular “1812 Overture.” The final event of the day will be a tremendous fireworks display. Please join us.

This daylong observance is another great example of the great relationship between Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista and is a wonderful way to show your support for this community and our nation. Be sure and check next week’s Fort Huachuca Scout for a complete listing of everything that will be happening on July 4. Have fun, and be safe!



A Commentary

**Capt. Bradley Branderhorst
Installation G2**

There are no known indications of a terrorist threat to Fort Huachuca. The threat of fire remains extreme. Carelessness with any type of fire or smoking material poses a major threat to personnel and the installation.

Several, non-specific indicators we have received throughout the year could indicate potential terrorist activities against the US in the upcoming weeks, particularly the 4th of July/Independence Day weekend period.

All Americans must be at the highest state of alert. You as members of the Fort Huachuca community must take every precaution possible, as you are all potential targets of terrorism.

Terrorists who may be considering attacks against the United States would likely pick targets that would have a large psychological impact. Such targets as national landmarks or anywhere that there are many Americans could be attacked.



The would-be attackers will try to pick a target within these categories that is the easiest to attack. American soldiers, in or out of uniform, can make a terrorist think twice about target selection.

While enjoying leave and the holiday, continue to be vigilant. Watch those around you for suspicious behavior. Avoid traveling alone. Locate the nearest exit of any place you will be staying in for more than a few minutes.

If in an airport, proceed through the security checkpoint as early as possible in order to spend as little time as possible in the less secure areas.

Vary your routes and routine so you do not present a predictable pattern to anyone watching you.

As an American soldier, you serve as a symbol of what makes this country great and as a potential target for our enemies. Your training and vigilance can go a long way to discourage an attack or lessen its affects if one does occur.

Simple awareness of your surroundings can help keep you and those around you safe during this holiday period.

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borne), at Fort Bragg, N.C. While there, he served as an intelligence sergeant and military intelligence detachment sergeant in 3rd Battalion before being assigned to 2nd Battalion as the military intelligence detachment sergeant. During his military service, Prosser participated in operations in Somalia, Haiti, Jordan, Kuwait, Kosovo, and throughout Southwest Asia. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with “V” Device, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (seven Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal (third award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (two

Bronze Service Stars), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, NATO Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge, and numerous foreign parachutist wings.

MI Village encompasses more than 50 acres and contains living quarters, soldiers’ stores, a fitness center and dining facilities. MI Village has been home to nearly all of the Army’s military intelligence professionals at some point in their career.

The public is invited to join proud members of the military intelligence community in paying tribute to an American hero whose duty to his nation knew no boundaries.

The ceremony will be held in the courtyard area of the 305th/309th Battalion Headquarters (Building 81401) on Bissel Street in MI Village. Off-post visitors can access the ceremony through the East Gate, continuing down Hatfield and making a right hand turn on Bissel at the AAFES Mini Mall.

This ceremony is a one of a series of events to highlight the accomplishments and contributions of Army military intelligence professionals during the annual Military Intelli-

gence Hall of Fame activities held here, June today and Friday.

Visitors to the installation must obtain a pass to access the post by stopping at the Main or East gates and showing two forms of photo identification, proof of insurance and vehicle registration.

A photo of Prosser is available upon request. Members of the Prosser family will be available to talk to media representatives after the ceremony. Media interested in covering this ceremony should contact the media relations officer at (520) 533-1287 or email lintont@hua.army.mil for more information.

Scout on the Street

What attracted you to a life in the military?



I joined because I love the uniform. I was raised in the military and it makes you feel proud of yourself for serving your country.

**Pfc. Lumary Galletti,
Co. A, 305th Military Intelligence**



Education, money and job experience; that's why I joined the Army.

**Pfc. Scott Hogan,
Medical Activity**



I wanted to travel and I am doing the job that I wanted. Physical therapy is the best! I get paid for doing everything I love.

**Sgt. Anika Anderson,
MEDDAC**



My dad was in the military. The Army gave me the job that I wanted and they payed for my schooling.

**Staff Sgt. Millicent Anderson,
MEDDAC**



I joined for the college education. It's something I feel that's very important and the Army provided it.

**Cpl. Shane Brown,
MEDDAC**



The infantry is what attracted me. We see a lot of cool stuff many people don't get to see; and I like serving my country.

**Spc. Andrew Joy,
36th Army Band**

Photos by Angelica Pequeño

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Photo by Katherine Goode

Conservation convention members tour the Sepulveda Interpretation Building where Arizona State Museum has provided internal layout and designs of Fort Huachuca’s historical district.

DoD Conservation Conference attendees tour Fort Huachuca

*By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff*

On Friday, approximately 50 people including fort staff toured the post as the last event of the 2002 Department of Defense Conservation Conference held June 17-Friday in Tucson, Ariz.

This year’s conference, “The Department of Defense’s Conservation Program: Pro-active Planning for Mission Support,” addressed successful efforts used to combine conservation requirements with military mission needs, and used the National Historic Landmark District of Fort Huachuca as an illustration of cultural conservation.

The restoration of this area began in 1996 under the National Historic Preservation Act requiring U.S. Army to inventory and protect the integrity of historic resources on military installations.

The renovation project area known as “Old Post” is currently the study at the Ari-

zona State Museum.

John Madsen and Russel Varinea of the museum, along with Horace H. Foxall, Jr., a historic architect and project manager of the Technical Center of Expertise for Preservation of Structures and Buildings, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, gave insight into the restoration project here on Fort Huachuca, much of which is adobe and requires quite an involved process.

The museum, which is developing internal plans of the National Historic Landmark District, provided pictures and information on the Sepulveda building, and other sites in the area.

Foxall, who is assigned to the Seattle district, said that this was his second time here on Fort Huachuca, and that he feels we have much to learn from those who lived here before us.

The tour visited Garden Canyon, the pictographs site, Old Post, and the East Range Effluent Basin.

Prescribed burning: benefits wildlife

*By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff*

Fire has been a natural part of the high desert ecosystem for a very long time. Throughout time, wildfires ignited and burned naturally through our valley. Lightning caused some and then Native Americans intentionally started others. These low intensity fires in the past kept the grassland floor and the surrounding mountain forests free from the natural annual build up of dead grass, thick brush, dead trees and pine needles.

Sheridan Stone, wildlife biologist for Fort Huachuca, said that animal and plant life here has actually been shaped by fire. “We burn to reduce fire risk while sustaining military training and use it as a tool to boost our environment.”

But one might ask why would anyone be crazy enough to start a fire, especially during an extreme drought? It just doesn’t seem logical, right?

Wrong—according to Stone, prescribed burns are essential to remove fuel or alter the vegetation community under desired meteorological conditions, such as wind, humidity and temperature, to achieve a certain degree of fuel consumption. It is also a tool for enhancing vegetation and wildlife habitat conditions.

“Prescribed burns alter habitat, benefiting some species primarily by altering the structure of the area to get rid of undesirable plants. It may also knock back diseases and fungus while stimulating new green growth with more nutrients,” Stone said.

Fallen trees and limbs left to rot in the grasslands and forest will decay at a very slow rate. In fact, large logs can take more than 100 years to decompose. This process is aided by the numerous species of bacteria, insects, and wildlife that live in the decomposing materials. All this rotting is one way that nature recycles nutrients back into the soil.

However, faster recycling occurs during a fire. Gasses are released into the atmosphere in the form of smoke. In the burned area, nitrogen and other nutrients remain and are leached back into the soil as rain soaks the ground. This is nature’s way of rapidly recycling nutrients. Unfortunately, when there’s too much fuel on the ground and it’s burned in an intense wildfire these benefits are often missing. Intense fires tend to scorch the ground and kill the trees above.

Also, from experience we have learned that fires not caught when they are small quickly build in size and fire intensity into wildfires: Ryan Fire, the East Range fires south of Huachuca City, and Allison Road fire had a total of about

5,345 acres lost. During that same 12 month period there has been 19 controlled burns, with only 280 acres burned in these fires.

Stone said, “the benefits of the currently planned burn, which will be after our next rain, will be from burning our last nine 2.5 acres squares in grasslands. This is to complete the experimental treatment, under controlled conditions, of study plots that all together will give the fort scientifically and ecologically valid information and understanding about the interaction among: timing of fire; non-native invasive grass species that may alter natural fire frequency and affect soil and wildlife; and agave populations that are the main food for endangered lesser long-nosed bats when they are in the Fort Huachuca area.” Stone added that this can help us plan and implement natural resource conservation, comply with laws, and sustain the quality and usefulness of our training lands for military training.

But controlled burns have to be approved through Range Control, Environmental and Natural Resources Division for environmental, archeological and natural resource protections, Directorate of Public Safety, and other operational and safety officials said Stone. Once planning is completed, and the garrison commander approves, Fort Huachuca Fire and Emergency Services burns the proposed area.

These controlled burns are done under the strictest of guidelines, said Stone, “with burn objectives, current and forecast weather, safety, public health from smoke, wildlife behavior, and logistics” taken into account. Stone cautions that we take current meteorological concerns to heart and urges soldiers, civilian employees and their families to “keep in mind that where we spend our time and may start a fire are in those areas most important to us. That includes our homes, favorite camping and hiking areas, cherished parks, and the best hunting and fishing grounds.”

“We and our families, guests and friends should think through the ways we may cause any fire to ignite, indoors or out: matches, lighters, smoking materials, stoves and grills, lanterns, power tools and vehicles that can cause a spark when striking a rock, and spontaneously combustible oil and rags in that backyard shed by the tall grass and wood pile. Then we should discard or secure those things we can, and make sure anyone using them knows how to do so safely and responsibly.”

Stone said, “the grassland burn plots are part of a large scale and long term study to help us meet the important demands for using, restoring and conserving Fort Huachuca lands.” He added, “We want to continue using and conserving our landscape by design, for a long time, not just by chance or muddling along.”

New era for AGD, staffed entirely by civilians only

AGD release

A new era has commenced for the Fort Huachuca Adjutant General Directorate.

Due to the congressionally mandated A-76 study, the Fort Huachuca Military Personnel Directorate, along with private industry, competed for a five-year contract to provide military personnel services to the soldiers of Fort Huachuca.

The purpose of the A-76 study is to provide necessary government services at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer. In December 2001, the Fort Huachuca government employees were awarded the contract with a bid of \$8,830,584, which was \$7.3 million less than the nearest private sector bid. As a result of this win, the AGD is now entirely staffed by civil service employees.

In order for the government to pull off this stunning upset, the AGD developed new business practices to streamline workload processes, cut costs, and provide more efficient services to soldiers. This re-organization has divided the AGD into two separate entities, the Residual and the Most Efficient Organization.

The Residual consists of the office of the Adjutant General, Quality Assurance, and Casualty/Mortuary Affairs. The MEO consists of the Military Personnel Services Directorate, with four divisions that provide all the personnel services previously associated with the “MILPO.”

These divisions include the Personnel Services Division, Personnel Automation Division, Trainee-Student Division, and Reassignments.

A key mission of the residual organization is to be the “Government Representative” to ensure that the MEO or “Contractor” is providing the required services within the standards (quality and time) set forth in the contract.

What does all this mean for the AG community and soldiers?

Better staffing to service soldiers

With a civilian workforce in place, the AGD is now staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. No longer will the AGD be limited in its ability to service soldiers due to sergeants’ time, military taskings, or annual military training requirements.

Customer service/satisfaction

With the exception of the ID Card Section, soldiers will be serviced on an appointment basis, scheduled through their Battalion and Brigade S1 sections. This will eliminate soldier downtime and the frustration of wondering if someone is being seen before his/her time. Soldiers are now in-processed five

days a week, on an appointment basis, which will push soldiers to their unit in a shorter time frame. Customer feedback receptacles have also been placed throughout the AGD to improve customer satisfaction.

Timeliness of actions processed

In accordance with the Performance Work Standards, each personnel action processed within the AGD will be entered into a database and tracked to completion. Each personnel action must be processed within a specified time period. This data will be collected by and subject to audit on an annual basis.

Consolidation of personnel services

With the exception of the ID Card Section, all Personnel Services, which include Actions, Promotions, Transition Services, Records and Evaluations and In/Out Processing, have been consolidated at Whitside Hall, building 41330.

Future improvements

A Fort Huachuca AG Web Page, will soon provide current information on all aspects of personnel service for active duty, family members, and retirees. The AGD will also install an automated telephone information directory. This will allow customers to dial a single number to reach all AGD personnel services.

Finally, In/Out Processing procedures are being re-visited to expedite the coming and going of our soldiers.

While there will be some growing pains, as with any new organization, the AGD is optimistic about its new organization and the opportunity to continue serving the soldiers of Fort Huachuca.



DoD Introduces online medical research library

*By Austin Camacho
Special to American Forces Press Service*

Veterans and service members can now find the Gulf War research-related medical information they want on one central Web site, <http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/medsearch/>.

The site is the collaborate effort of the Defense Department’s Deployment Health Support Directorate, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The idea for the online medical library, dubbed Medsearch, came as a recommendation from a 1999 CDC conference, according to Drue H. Barrett of the CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health.

“We brought together a variety of different scientists, researchers, veterans and patients’ advocates,” she said.

“In several different work groups at this conference there was raised this issue that sometimes the research was difficult to search through because it was on several different sites.”

Medsearch strives to fill the needs of both veterans and researchers, Barrett explained.

Veterans wanted one place to go where all the information and research was available in a way they could understand and access it. Researchers wanted an easier way to keep track of all the research being done by the federal government in various places.

The site’s creators believed it would be nearly impossible to capture all the research done related to Gulf War veterans’ health, but government-funded research would at least represent the majority.

Some of the material on Medsearch consists of plain-language documents, like the case narratives written in the last few years by the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, known today as the Deployment Health Support Directorate.

Many articles, however, were published in scientific journals and filled with technical jargon. Directorate officials have said they can’t rewrite these documents, but they are committed to making the information in them accessible to all readers. They’ve done this by adding introductions that give people a quick summary or synopsis of what they’ll find in each document. For those who understand the scientific language, the original documents are posted in their entirety with source details.

The site’s topics are listed in simple language so visitors can readily identify what they’re looking for. For example, data on neurological disorders are listed under “Brain and nervous system.”



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

A lone Marine salutes the names inscribed on the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall during the opening ceremony of the exhibit at Sierra Vista's Veteran's Memorial Park.

MEMORY HEALER

Veterans, Sierra Vista pays respect, love to Arizonans who gave their lives through Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo
Time Out Editor

In the reflection of the ever-moving memorial newly placed in Sierra Vista, servicemembers realized there was more than just history on that wall – there was love as well.

The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall was presented before Sierra Vista for the first time ever with the help of the Fort Huachuca U.S. Marine Corps and Naval detachments during the opening ceremony June 20.

The wall's presence marked one daughter's triumph and show of love.

Five years ago Angela Brown applied to work with the Moving Wall to have it come to Sierra Vista in honor of retired Sgt. 1st Class David Kline, her father.

Now, five years later and only six months after Kline's death from cancer linked to Agent Orange, Brown said she was proud to have completed her mission.

"I was afraid I would not be able to handle this emotionally," Brown said, since her father had died so recently. Through the encouragement of friends and family Brown found she could. "I first called a friend up to ask for advice. She told me that this was a good thing and that I should

really do it."

After the ceremony veterans, friends, and family applauded and embraced Brown for her dedication to the Moving Wall.

The Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard, B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) and the 36th Army Band added to the solemnity of the ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park, while veterans of Vietnam and other wars remembered their fallen comrades.

"I alone know 12 names on that wall," said retired Sgt. Maj. Leo Pimple, who served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1970. "This is closure for a lot of people. Plus, it's just neat to honor them in this way. It shows we will never forget."

The wall features 619 Arizonans, 27 of whom are from Cochise County. There are 58,225 names total on the wall.

Single roses were offered to the wall in respect of the mothers of those who had children on the wall, while veterans placed wreaths and community members offered praise through poems and quiet reflection.

"It's great to bring the wall here because it brings everyone together and reminds the military of what we stand for," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Adolf Minaschek, who was in Vietnam from 1963-1964 with the 23rd

Special Warfare, Aviation Warfare Detachment.

"My driving force has always been my dad. He completed two tours in Vietnam. I think, as a daughter especially, that I didn't know too much about the war as a child. He never really talked about it and I was curious as to why not," she said. "So growing up I've always had that subtle undertone to see what was the big deal. I think the memories were so bad. I don't think he expected a child to understand the things they had to do."

Brown said this was a once in a lifetime event for her. In an act of closure and homage, she placed her father's field jacket at the foot of the wall.

Brown said she hopes Kline's name will be added to the wall some day.

Veterans of wars who die from injuries received in Vietnam, to include proven exposure to Agent Orange, can have their names added.

"If it wasn't for us keeping the peace there would be no country at all," said retired Staff Sgt. Elmer Uda, who was in Vietnam from 1965-1967 as an engineer with the 173rd Airborne Group.

The wall left Sierra Vista to move on to other towns and cities with a closing ceremony Wednesday.



Photo by Katherine Goode

Retired Sgt. Maj. Lanny Asepermy searches for fallen Native Americans from his hometown in Oklahoma, and points out Kiowa soldier Pascal Poolaw Sr., a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross.



"I alone know 12 names on that wall. This is closure for a lot of people. Plus, it's just neat to honor them in this way. It shows we will never forget .

Sgt. Maj. (retired) Leo Pimple, Vietnam veteran who served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1970.

Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

A Marine places a bouquet of flowers at the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall exhibit. The wall lists more than 600 Arizonans who died in the Vietnam War.

Being drill sergeants’ voices goal for top 2002 NCO trainers

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

Being the fifth straight noncommissioned officer from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to win the active Army Drill Sergeant of the Year seemed less important to Staff Sgt. Randy Cheadle than what the title meant.

Both he and Sgt. 1st Class Tobias Meister, drill sergeant leader at the 95th Division (IT) drill sergeant school at Oklahoma City, the reserve component Drill Sergeant of the Year, wanted to talk about their role as the voices for all drill sergeants in the Army.

“I’m really excited to get to work with the Transformation of drill sergeant schools and the new POI (programs of instruction),” Meister said.

“It’s going under review right now,” said Staff Sgt. Randy Cheadle, a drill sergeant with the 795th Military Police Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood. “I know that a lot of drill sergeants I’ve worked with have a lot of ideas, so it’ll be good to get to be the facilitator for their ideas and the information they want to put forward.”

Both NCOs agree with changes the Army recently made in the qualification for drill sergeant duty. The age limit was raised from 36 to 41, and the required score on the General Test was lowered from 100 to 95.

“We’ve got great leaders out there that fall in the 36-40 age category, you know, that get disqualified from the beginning ... that are in great shape. Same thing with lowering the GT score. If leaders can demonstrate their ability to lead and can train the soldiers properly and effectively, and can send them out into the organizational Army where they can operate effectively and safely and be confident, then I think that should be looked at.”

The two men were interviewed about two hours after they had been named as the Drill Sergeants of the Year at a ceremony at Fort Monroe’s Continental Park. They still seemed to be coming to grips with the fact that they had won this year’s competition.

“My feet haven’t quite touched the ground yet,” Meister said. “It’s just an honor to represent 95th Division up here.”

“I’m amazed. It’s just awesome,” Cheadle said.

Both men credited the help they received from their units with winning. Both of them found time to do their jobs and still build up their Army Physical Fitness Training scores, plus being grilled by sergeants major on topics similar to those a board of sergeants majors at Training and Doctrine Command questioned them about.

Meister said he prepared by studying information in regulations and manuals that deal with training soldiers to help him at the TRADOC board. He was also quizzed by trainers at Fort Sill, Okla., while helping active drill sergeants train soldiers in basic combat training.

“They make you take that information, draw it out and actually apply it to a situational-type question,” he said.

The sergeants major board, a demonstration of their training technique, APFT test and a written essay on a topic chosen for them are the competitive events.

Meister took the lead after the APFT, the first event. He won the two-mile run in 12:02 and did 100 push-ups and 114 sit-ups. When Meister was asked if he led all the way, another drill sergeant close by answered for him: “You bet.”

“There’s that fine line I draw between confident and cocky,” he said. “Yes, confident just because I know that my division has helped me prepare real well. I spent a lot of time just doing the physical exercise, which turned out real well for me. As far as the board, I walked in confident because of the preparation I did down at Fort Sill.”

Without organized unit PT, Meister works out on his own. In the mornings he lifts weights, and runs on lunch hours. If he’s in the mood after work, he’ll run again.

“I would say when I take the APFT, 200 points is probably natural ability; the rest of it just comes from working on the track,” he said.

In the essay, Cheadle said he wrote about what it’s like to be a drill sergeant.

“A couple of the things I discussed were taking care of drill sergeants and families,” he said. “So one of the things I want to discuss (as Drill Sergeant of the Year) is drill sergeants have a hard job, and being able to get the numbers of people that we need to properly train soldiers.”

The 17 other drill sergeants representing TRADOC schools and the reserve, were challenges, Meister and Cheadle said.

“There were three other drill sergeants that went to drill sergeant school with me that were here competing,” Cheadle said. “It was great seeing them a year later achieving success, just being all that they can be.”

In 1995 he moved to San Antonio to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio and pursue a career in kickboxing. It lasted 18 months and he was undefeated.

Then his coach suggested he try boxing in Golden Gloves.

“I said, ‘Sure, what the heck. I’ll give it a try,’ and sure enough I wound up being the Dallas middleweight champion,” he said.

After earning a bachelor of business administration in international business degree, with a concentration on China from UTSA, he was employed by Horizon Natural Resources, an independent gas and oil firm in Tulsa, Okla. He then transferred to the 95th Division and was reclassified as a drill sergeant. He won the APFT award at his drill sergeant school.

His civilian employer “has been very supportive ever since I entered the reserves.” In fact, he was allowed to take one day a week off to go to Fort Sill to work with drill sergeants there and train soldiers in basic combat training.”

Cheadle was the distinguished honor graduate from his drill sergeant school at Leonard Wood last year. He enlisted in the Army in 1989 and served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the 16th MP Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Other deployments include Operation Restore Hope, Somalia and Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard in Bosnia.

Later this year, Cheadle will be assigned to TRADOC headquarters where he will work on programs dealing with IET, as well as ad-

vise the commander of the Army Accessions Command and the TRADOC commander on drill sergeant and IET matters.

Where he is assigned as an MP after stepping down for next year’s top drill sergeant may be up to his wife, Terry.

“Jumping out of airplanes for three years at Fort Bragg was kind of all about Sgt. Cheadle,” he said. “Then I went to Fort Leonard Wood to be a drill sergeant and it was all about Sgt. Cheadle. So I have to get with the wife, see what she wants to do. It’s just about her time.”

Meister doesn’t know what his exact duties will be over the next year, but last year’s reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Wayne McPhillips told him he’d be “extremely busy.”

“Which is great because I love the Army. I love the Army Reserve. I love doing my duty. I love wearing the uniform. I love being around soldiers.

“So I’m really excited to get to do more than just one weekend a month, two weeks a year,” he said.



Photo by Wes Anderson

Sgt. 1st Class Tobias Meister, drill sergeant leader for the 95th Division (IT), Oklahoma City, left, and Staff Sgt. Randy Cheadle, drill sergeant with the 795th Military Police Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., are the reserve and active components’ 2002 Drill Sergeants of the Year, respectively.

For decades Staff Sgt. Tom Turner wanted to return to Fort Huachuca, a place he calls

‘A soldier’s paradise’

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

When most soldiers depart the Army, many remember the countless places they’ve traveled. Some reflect on their overseas tours or variety of assignments within the continental United States.

In 1945, when then Staff Sgt. Tom Turner left Fort Huachuca, he left a part of what he describes as his heart and soul. For his 87th birthday present, he returned to the post he loves.

“It’s good to be back here again,” Turner said. “I’m just happy that I still have my memories from all the great things that happened here.”

Turner, who resides in Georgetown, Ohio, was assigned to Company H, 368th Infantry, 93rd Infantry Division from 1941-1943. He was later reassigned to the military police company and when he left, he was the assistant to the sports recreation officer.

An exceptional athlete, Turner was part of the Service Command Unit’s baseball team and eventually played in the Negro Leagues with the Chicago American Giants after leaving the Army.

“We had a lot of professional guys here,”

Turner said referring to the thousands of African Americans who trained on Fort Huachuca in preparation for World War II. “We had athletes, musicians, artists and entertainers.”

He recalled a story about a young trumpeter who played *Taps* each night on where today is Brown Parade Field.

“His name was Hut and he could really play that trumpet,” Turner said. “But he always added a jazzy ending to *Taps* and was threaten to be court martialed if he didn’t stop. Well he didn’t stop.”

Turner’s wife, Lora Elizabeth, said she couldn’t keep up with her husband once he set foot on post. “He was so excited to be here,” she said. “He’s been running from place to place, but I’m very happy for him.”

Making his trip more memorable, Turner discovered he is in three photos on display at the Fort Huachuca Museum. Famed entertainer Lena Horne is on one of the pictures with Turner and his baseball teammates.

For his daughter, Ana Thorne, the trip to where her father once wore combat boots was the greatest gift she could give him.

“I’ve been hearing about Fort Huachuca my entire life,” she said. “He’s been wanting to come back here for a long time and I’m glad to have experienced it with him.”



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks



Courtesy photo

Above: Army veteran Tom Turner points himself out on a picture in the Fort Huachuca Museum. Famed entertainer Lena Horne is in the photo with Turner and his teammates. Turner, now 87 years old, was assigned to Fort Huachuca from 1941-1945. Left: Turner is congratulated by his commander after collecting five hits in a baseball game against a Mexican League team. After leaving the Army, Turner played baseball for the Chicago American Giants in the Negro Leagues and in the Mexican Leagues.

Community Updates

DMPO bake, hot dog sale

There will be a bake sale and hot dog sale with plenty of food to go around at the Defense Military Pay Office on Monday starting at 8:30 a.m.

Come enjoy a hardy brunch while helping the DMPO out. All of the profits go to Organization Day.

The DMPO is located on the corner of Boyd and Augur, right next to the Military Police station, Building 22334.

FRG training scheduled

Fort Huachuca's Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building are sponsoring Family Readiness Group Training. This training is designed for those interested in obtaining skills and knowledge to assist them in effectively working with FRGs.

Basic FRG training, including commercial sponsorship, fund raising, private organization status, and rules and regulations governing an FRG is set for 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 14.

Training will be held at ACS, Building 50010 (located on the traffic circle). To register, call 533-2330 or e-mail gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil.

Signal reunion planned

The 17th Signal Battalion Association is planning a reunion September 18-22, 2002, at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel in Williamsburg, Va. The reunion will emphasize a military theme and will include a golf tournament. According to Arlo D. Janssen, vice president for public affairs of the association, the 17th Signal Battalion Association is a designated WWII Commemorative Community. For more information, write Arlo D. Janssen at 10209 Cedar Pond, Dr., Vienna, VA 22182; or phone (703) 281-3170 or e-mail adjanssen@aol.com.

Wanted: lost cat

Jennifer Williford lost a gray and white female cat from her home on the corner of Jeffords and Irwin Street four months ago. The Williford family is scheduled to have a permanent change of station move July 18 and would like to bring their cat home with them. The cat is considered like family to the Williford's.

The family has searched throughout the housing areas and open fields on post. If you have a thin, gray 2-year old cat with white marks on its nose and has stitches from recent surgery contact the owners at 417-0516 or email at jennwilliford@msn.com.

BOSS meeting minutes

• Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers is currently looking into renting a movie theatre (at the mall) to provide free movies for the single soldiers. Also, the BOSS presi-

dent is looking into establishing an organizational day for BOSS, as to when is still be determined.

• BOSS is currently organizing a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held on August 17. There will be more information coming up on the BOSS web page <http://saic.hua.army.mil/boss/index.html>.

• On July 13 BOSS will have a carwash at the main gate, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• BOSS is still collecting designs for the new BOSS logo.

• The next BOSS meeting will be held on July 10.

Mortuary affairs reunion slated

The U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Center, Fort Lee, Va., is planning a reunion of Mortuary Affairs/Memorial Activities/Graves Registration specialists at Fort Lee September 19-20.

One of many purposes of the reunion is to recognize and honor all those who have served and those who continue to serve in this honorable profession. Officials at the center also envision this as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas that benefit today's Army.

People interested in attending should call the Mortuary Affairs Center's Deputy Director, Doug Howard, at (804) 734-3831 or e-mail howarddd@lee.army.mil.

Due to post security requirements, visitors should plan accordingly in case of delays when entering the installation.

Enlisted microfiche update

Effective Monday Enlisted Records Evaluation Center will no longer produce Official Military Personnel Files microfiche since OMPF On-Line is now available to all grades. Additionally the Interactive Voice Response System will be turned off on this date. Soldiers may request a microfiche as an exception for retirement or separation by visiting our web site www.erec.army.mil and using the "contact us" link. Also they should utilize the Interactive Web Response System on our web site to obtain information



Photo by Angelica Pequeño

Turn your history into your future

Roberta Sipes and Staff Sgt. Roxanna C. Thompson of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade, discuss different methods of creating one's resume. Sipes is a firm believer in taking bits of our history and making it our future. Sipes is the instructor for the Resumix workshop held every third Thursday of each month at Army Community Services. There were 12 students in this class, and Sipes was readily available to answer individual questions. To register for a future class, please call 533-6870 as class size is limited. The workshop is hands-on instruction on writing a traditional, internet and Resumix version of your resume, plus a whole lot more!

on the following items:

Current Photo on File (Staff Sergeant and above) NCOER Data (Lists all NCOERs on file) NCOER Appeal Data Centralized Promotion Board Information.

As a further service to our soldiers we just obtained the following toll free customer service number so they can contact us free of charge for any questions they may have at 1-866-771-6357.

Officers' & Civilians' Spouses' Club

The Fort Huachuca Officers' & Civilians' Spouses' Club will hold their annual fall craft bazaar on November 2 at Buena High School. The FHOCS is asking for anyone interested in renting a space to sell their crafts to call Sandy at 458-5988. We will also have a limited number of spaces to rent for food concessions.

Post Community Thrift Shop

The Fort Huachuca Community Thrift Shop is making some important changes. In the past the Shop has donated 50 percent of its profits to the Officers' and Ci-

vilians' Spouses' Club and 50 percent to the Noncommissioned Officers Enlisted Spouses Club for disbursements. In the fiscal year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 the Shop gave a total of \$52,673.68 to the clubs. Starting July 1, the Shop will begin to disburse its own profits.

The Thrift Shop is grateful for all the hard work the two clubs have performed disbursing this money over the many years the Shop has been in operation. Because of the changing times it was felt by a majority of the volunteers at the Thrift Shop that it was time to do the disbursements themselves.

If you are a nonprofit organization you may make your request to:

Fort Huachuca Community Thrift Shop
PO Box 12772
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670-2772

The Thrift Shop is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for shopping. For further information please call 458-4606.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Events Calendar</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">35th Annual Fabulous Family 4th OF JULY Celebration <i>begins at 8 a.m. at Office Smart with Pets & People Parade.</i> <i>The fun moves to Veteran's Memorial Park</i> <i>with entertainment and food all day.</i> <i>These events are free and open to the public.</i></p>						
<p>• The Vigilantes at the Hellorado set in Tombstone at 1 p.m. 30</p>	<p>• Huachuca Welcome is a mandatory meeting for all newcomers to Fort Huachuca and their families. It's held at MCC from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Call Gail Mortensen at 533-6871 for details. 1</p> <p>• School-Aged Services Parent Orientation from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bldg. 49013. Call 533-3205 for details.</p> <p>• San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nikla Townsend at 458-9647.</p> <p>• Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.</p>	<p>• Rickety Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m. 2</p> <p>• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.</p> <p>• Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.</p> <p>• Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.</p> <p>• Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.</p> <p>• Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.</p> <p>• Thunder Vette Set meet at the SV VFW at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>• La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. 3</p> <p>• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>America's Independence Day 4</p> <p>• Come join the 36th Army Band in concert at the Domingo-Paiz & Stone Sports Complex at the east end of Tacoma St. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by the SV Rotary Club's 35th Annual Fireworks display at 8:15 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.</p>	<p>• The SV Youth Center is hosting Nintendo 64 Tournaments and the fun begins at 3 p.m. This free event is open to all youth 11 - 17 years of age. Call 458-4377 for details. 5</p> <p>• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.</p>	<p>• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. 29</p> <p>• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.</p> <p>• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.</p> <p>• SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. The Partners Band will play at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.</p>
<p>• The Wild Bunch at the OK Corral in tombstone at 2 p.m. 7</p> <p>• Catholic Youth Organization meets at 5 p.m. Call Darlene at 458-0630 or Veronica at 458-2230 for info.</p>	<p>• San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nikla Townsend at 458-9647. 8</p> <p>• Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.</p>	<p>• PWOC Bible study from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at MPC. Childcare is available for children 5 and under on a first come basis to ID card holders. Class is also available for school age children. 9</p> <p>• Put Prevention Into Practice (PPIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.</p> <p>• Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.</p> <p>• Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.</p> <p>• Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>• La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details. 10</p> <p>• SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.</p> <p>• Protestant Youth Program "Teen Desert Disciples" meet at 7 p.m. Call Chaplain Jesse King at 533-6731 for details.</p>	<p>• SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062. 11</p> <p>• National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.</p> <p>• Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.</p> <p>• SV Parks & Leisure is hosting Concerts in the Park. Joe Anton's Desert Swing Band will play at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.</p>	<p>• Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details. 12</p>	<p>• Christmas in July Bazaar at Ethel Berger Center from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. this event is open to the public. 13</p> <p>• Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 - 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.</p>
MCC = Murr Community Center		MPC = Main Post Chapel		OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center		
<p style="text-align: center;">Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330</p>						

Hey, TRICARE Mom and Dad: Now that you have a newborn, what’s next?

TRICARE news release

If you’ve just had or adopted a child, congratulations! As a TRICARE beneficiary, among your new parental responsibilities is the need to register your child in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Once you’ve done that—if you intend to enroll him or her in TRICARE Prime—you must complete the enrollment process within 120 days of the date of birth or adoption.

DEERS Registration

In order for your child to receive TRICARE PRIME coverage, he or she **must** be registered in the DEERS database. If the child’s name is not in DEERS, he or she will not show as eligible for TRICARE PRIME benefits, and claims will be paid as Standard after the baby is 121 days old.

First, obtain a copy of your child’s birth certificate, certificate of live birth, or adoption papers. The certificate of live birth may be obtained from your hospital’s medical records department. Then, the child’s sponsor must take the appropriate document to the nearest military base or post personnel office to register him or her in DEERS.

If the sponsor is deployed or on TDY, the other parent or guardian should be prepared to show power of attorney to register the infant or adopted child in DEERS.

Prime Enrollment

Once registered in DEERS, your child is ready to be enrolled in TRICARE Prime. A parent or guardian first must fill out and submit the enrollment application, which can easily be accessed online at www.triwest.com. You may also visit the TRICARE Service Center or call 1-888-TRIWEST to request a form.

Early enrollment will help avoid any delays or gaps in processing health care claims.

Under TRICARE rules, your new child’s medical claims will be covered, as if he or she were enrolled in Prime, for 120 days from the birth or adoption date if you or your spouse is active duty.

For the babies of retired sponsors, the sponsor or another family member must be enrolled for the baby to receive automatic Prime coverage for 120 days. No authorizations or referrals are needed for the first 120 days. If the child is not enrolled in Prime by the 121st day, his or her coverage will automatically

change to TRICARE Standard or Extra along with the appropriate copayments and cost-shares. It is best not to wait until day 119 or 120 to complete the enrollment.

Note: Parents need not be TRICARE Prime enrollees for the child to be eligible for Prime coverage unless they are retired. Be aware, however, that enrolling your new child into Prime may change your own enrollment status from “single” to “family” and will increase the enrollment fee for a non-active duty family member. If you choose not to enroll your child in Prime right now, you may do so later.

Circumcisions

Newborn circumcision is covered under TRICARE and is included in the routine, well-child care for newborns. Because newborn well-child care is considered part of the mother’s maternity episode, circumcision does not require a separate Nonavailability Statement (NAS) or copayment.

A circumcision performed **after** the boy has been discharged from the hospital is subject to appropriate cost-share amounts under TRICARE Standard and Extra and to the appropriate copayment amount under TRICARE Prime. (Prime copayments do not apply if you are an active duty family member.)

Regardless, TRICARE will cover a circumcision performed on boys age 91 days to 6 years, when the procedure is determined to be medically necessary.

If you are a TRICARE Prime beneficiary, no referral is required when the circumcision is performed within the 120 days following the date of birth, because the newborn is covered under Prime for that period. If the procedure is done after the initial 120 days, your primary care manager will need to request an authorization from TriWest by calling your local TRICARE Service Center.

Billing for mom and baby

Under TRICARE Prime, Standard and Extra, a newborn who stays in the hospital longer than the mother will begin to



incur his or her own TRICARE billing, separate from the mother’s, and the stay will require a separate authorization.

Newborns covered by TRICARE Standard and Extra, who remain in the hospital more than 15 days past the mother’s discharge date, also will require an inpatient NAS if you live within a catchment area.

You are going to have many questions about health care, particularly if this is your first child. For questions about TRICARE coverage, visit www.triwest.com or call 1-888-TRIWEST. For questions about health, wellness and medications, contact your health care provider or call the TRICARE Line for Care at 1-888-887-4111.

Pets of the Week



I'm a big, lovable, huggable black Female Lab mix. I love to play and I'm really great with kids. I'm housebroken and would be a great housedog. Come on down and ask for "Q.D". My fee to take me home is \$52 and that will get you a spay, deworm, microchip, Heartworm test, and up to date with my vaccines. Can't wait to see you!



I'm a Female Pit-mix, but don't let that scare you. I'm very timid and shy at first, but I will open up once I get to know you. I love to play and to be petted. All you need is \$52 and ask for "Whiskey". All that includes microchip, Heartworm Test, deworm, spay, and all my vaccines.



Hi my name is "Tanner" and I am a female Shepherd Mix. I love kids and would be a great addition to your family. My fee is \$42 and that includes all my vaccines, deworm, microchip, Heartworm test, and spay.



I'm "Jenna" and I am a female Shepherd Collie mix. I'm very lovable and I like to cuddle. I will be a very great addition to your home. My fee is \$52 and that includes deworm, spay, microchip, Heartworm Test, and all my vaccines.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

Civilian fined for shoplifting

June U.S. Magistrate Court Report

On June 19, 2002, the Fort Huachuca Special Assistant United States Attorney met with 49 soldiers and civilians who had received citations for on-post violations.

The SAUSA is appointed from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and represents the Army in United States Magistrate Court for non-UCMJ criminal offenses committed on Fort Huachuca. Over \$5,200.00 in fines were collected, and forwarded to the Department of Justice.

Additionally, the SAUSA docketed five more alcohol-related driving cases for arraignment at U.S. Magistrate Court in Tucson.

This makes a total of 19 civilian alcohol-related driving cases referred for trial in the U.S. Magistrate Court this year.

One offender, who was caught shoplifting twice in our PX, paid a total fine of \$400.00. This fine was in addition to the civil penalties that were paid to the PX. **Remember shoplifting is a crime.**

The cases handled by the SAUSA are not limited to traffic citations. If the Military Police cite you for offenses such as theft, shoplifting, damage to property, and assault, and issue you a DD Form 1805 (U.S. District Court Violation Notice), then you must appear before the SAUSA when notified to do so.



If you fail to appear, a federal warrant for your arrest is issued and your name is entered into the National Computer System that there is an arrest warrant issued on you.

As a result, if you are subsequently stopped by a police officer *anywhere in the United States*, your arrest warrant will appear during the police officer’s check and you will be taken into custody until you get the original violation cleared up by appearing before a Federal Magistrate Judge.

Many soldiers and civilians fail to recognize the importance of the tickets that the Military Police issue to them.

These tickets are not something that can be ignored or dealt with at the person’s convenience. They are issued under Fort Huachuca’s authority as an exclusive federal jurisdiction and have the same weight as any ticket issued by a police officer off-post.

Soldiers or civilians who cannot attend their scheduled meeting with the SAUSA must call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Additionally, pursuant to Fort Huachuca Regulation, persons who receive a DD Form 1805 citation and fail to pay designated fines or appear in court will have their post driving privileges suspended until the matter is resolved.

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is now completed.

The project, costing \$6.2 million will enable the installation to treat more wastewater and return it to the water table through the use of shallow basin effluent recharge ponds being constructed on the East Range. The project was designed by CH2M Hill and constructed by Sundt Corporation.

Even education and law enforcement will benefit from the current round of Military Construction Army that is authorized by federal government's Appropriations Bill, enacted annually by Congress and signed into law by the President.

Two such MCA projects are the construction of a 36-person classroom and administrative space for approximately 15 instructors in the Military Intelligence School.

The \$1.3 million project is nearly 70 percent complete and is scheduled to be finished in July 2002. The contractor is Strong-

hold Construction.

The Criminal Investigation Division/Command Field Operations Facility will move into a new building around January 2003 when construction on a \$1.8 million, 6,350 square foot facility is completed.

Work on the construction is approximately 15 percent complete and is being performed by Au Authum Ki Inc.

Looking ahead, two projects soon to be awarded to contractors is construction of 75 junior enlisted family quarters in the Pershing Plaza area.

Another project that will soon be awarded is Phase II of the Effluent Reuse System. Although it is still in the planning phases, this project will result in the construction of effluent transportation lines to major grass areas post-wide, replacing the use of potable water for irrigation purposes.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Family quarters on Calvary Park is about 25 percent complete. Expected completion date is April 2003.

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“
...the medical community
wants patients to feel
empowered and to be
educated so patients can
make wise decisions
regarding their health.
Lt. Col. Jane L. Lindner, chief of
preventive medicine, RWBAHC
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“Patients are the center of the health care team,” she said. The HERC is open to the community at large and contains information pertinent to every stage of life.

She went on to add the HERC reinforces the positive actions called for by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

JCAHO sponsors the “Speak Up” program which is dedicated to encouraging patients to take charge of their health. “This program helps to prevent errors in patient care,” Lindner said.

Research indicates patients who take part

in the health care process are more likely to have positive outcomes. JCAHO also encourages patients to be informed about the medications they are taking because medication errors are the most common health care mistake.

Linder said the HERC was formerly a resource center that was only open to medical personnel. The doors have been open and improvements have been made to accommodate the Fort Huachuca patient community.

She went on to say health care professionals at RWBCH are being encouraged to send their patients to the HERC so they can learn

more about their medical condition.

HERC contains medical journals, magazines, televisions with VCRs and headphones attached to allow patrons to watch health-related videos. Computers with Internet access has been installed to allow patrons to surf the Internet and find information regarding disease, illness, medication, and preventive health issues.

The HERC will have another grand opening for patrons when a full time resource librarian will be hired, she said.

For more information about JCAHO, visit http://www.jcaho.org/speakup_bro.html.